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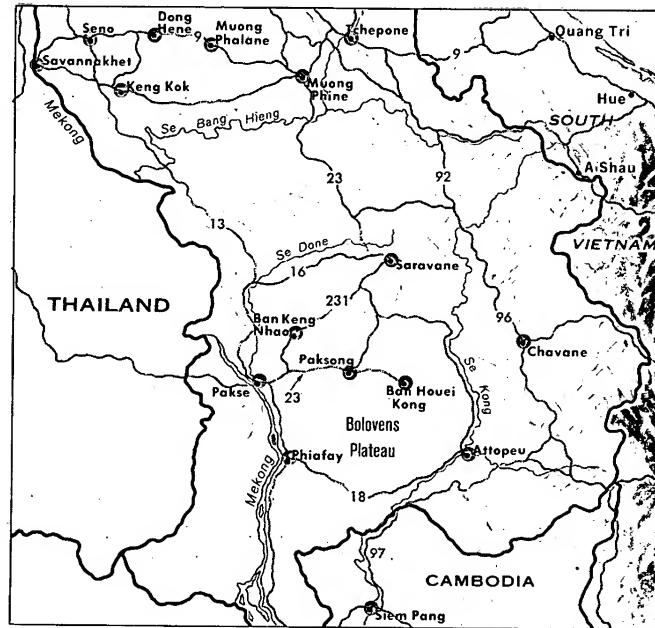
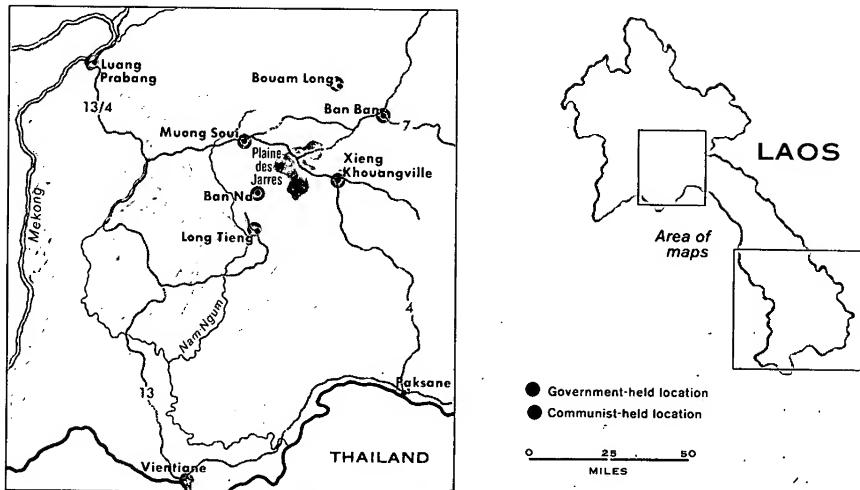
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LAOS

No major action was reported in the Bolovens Plateau area over the weekend as both sides evidently seek to recover from last week's heavy fighting. Several government units that had been cut off filtered back to friendly lines, but no firm casualty figures have yet been reported.

It is not clear whether the government effort to retake the central portion of the Bolovens will now be postponed. The Communists have also taken heavy losses as improved weather has facilitated US and Lao-tian air strikes.

In the central panhandle, additional North Vietnamese troops may be pulling back from the Dong Hene area. Government irregular forces are moving eastward, and some patrols have moved into the outskirts of Dong Hene. Heavy rains are hampering overland movement, however, and it may be some time before government troops can take additional advantage of the reduction of Communist troop strength along Route 9.

In north Laos, reinforcements have been moved into the Bouam Long guerrilla base, which has been under heavy pressure for several weeks. Vang Pao's troops are still located on the southern portion of the Plaine des Jarres and have encountered only light enemy resistance. They continue to uncover small enemy supply caches, but have not yet moved toward their primary objective, the high ground just west of the Plaine.

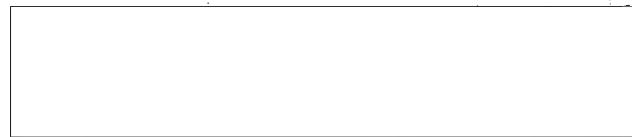
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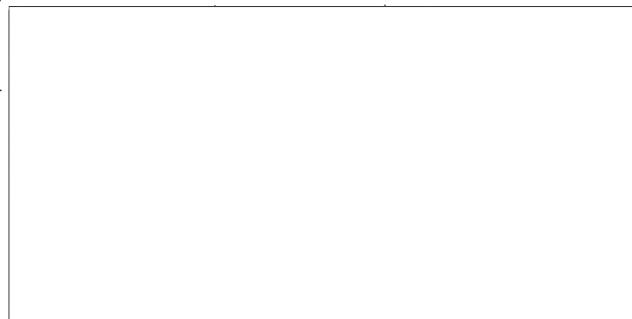
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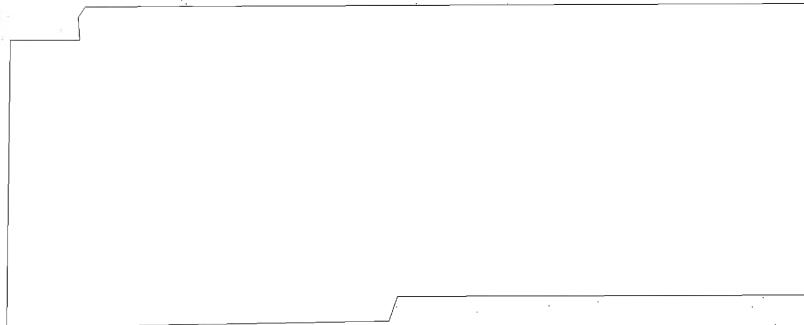


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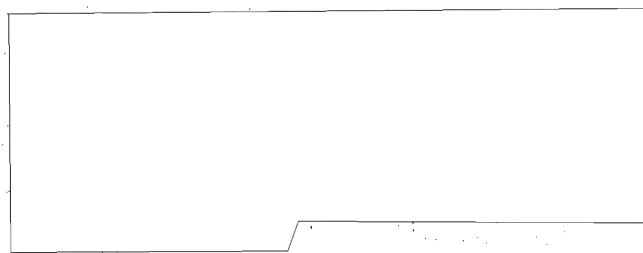
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